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SUBJ: PRESIDENT CARTERS VISIT TO SWITZERLAND MAY 9

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BELOW IS BIO INFO ON OFFICIALS OF
THE CANTON AND CITY OF GENEVA WHOM THE PRESIDENT
IS EXPECTED TO MEET DURING HIS STAY IN SWITZERLAND:

A. PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE
CANTON OF GENEVA, HENRI SCHMITT, 51, PREVIOUSLY
SERVED IN THIS SAME POSITION IN 1972. BORN ON
MAY 23, 1926, HE WAS TRAINED AS A LAWYER. SCHMITT
SERVED ON THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CANTON OF GENEVA
FROM 1957 UNTIL 1965. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS
ALSO A DELEGATE TO THE SWISS NATIONAL COUNCIL
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(LOWR HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) FROM 1957-65. SCHMITT
HAS SERVED ON THE STATE COUNCIL OF GENEVA SINCE
1965 AND HAS HAD THE PORTFOLIO FOR PUBLIC ECONOMY
SINCE 1973. SCHMITT IS FLUENT IN FRENCH, GERMAN,
AND ENGLISH.

B. THE MAYOR OF GENEVA, RENE EMENEGGER (EM EN EGGER), 46,

HAS SERVED IN HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE 1975.
BORN ON JUNE 16, 1930, EMENEGGER STUDIED LAW AT
THE UNIV OF GENEVA AND WAS ENGAGED IN PRIVATE
PRACTICE FROM 1955 UNTIL 1971. HE ALSO SERVED ON
THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNIER FROM
1959 TO 1967, AND ON THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GENEVA FROM 1961 TO THE PRESENT. EMENEGGER
SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND FLUENT FRENCH.

C. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND INFORMATION OF THE
CANTON OF GENEVA, ROBERT L VIEUX (PRONOUNCED
VEE-UH),55, HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE
1970. BORN ON APRIL 16, 1922, VIEUX JOINED THE
SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT IN 1945. HE SERVED
IN WASHINGTON, DC FROM 1947 TO 1953 AND AT THE
SWISS CONSULATE IN NEW ORLEANS FROM 1954 TO 1956.
SUBSEQUENTLY VIEUX HAD TOURS IN TEL AVIV, TUNIS,
AND LONDON. FROM 1963 UNTIL 1969 HE SERVED AS A
DIRECTOR OF THE GENEVAL CANTONAL DEPT OF JUSTICE
AND POLICE. VIEUX'S NATIVE LANGUAGE IS FRENCH.
HE ALSO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND GERMAN.

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